

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Sr. No.	Items		Observation and remarks
1.	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)		Proposal for Establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Railway line at village Pendhar and Taloja Tarfe Panchannd, Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad in Maharashtra State.
	Location i)	Division	: Alibag Forest Division.
	ii)	Range	: Panvel
	iii)	Round	Panvel
	iv)	S.No.	: S.No. 297, 88, Nala (Not-notified Mangrove) village Pendhar and S.No. 244, 245, 246, 247, 320 (Not-notified Mangrove) village Taloja Tarfe Panchannd Tal. Panvel in Raigad District, Maharashtra.
2.	Name of the User Agency		: Executive Engineer, Railway Project, CIDCO Ltd., Kharghar Railway Station, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai -410210
3.	Date of site inspection		: 29/12/2021.
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion		: 0.6732 ha. in S.No. 297, 88, Nala (Not-notified Mangrove land) village Pendhar and S.No. 244, 245, 246, 247, 320 (Not-notified Mangrove land) village Taloja Tarfe Panchannd Tal. Panvel in Raigad District, Maharashtra.
5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land		: Detailed area statement attached on Pg. No.
	b) Density of the forest		: The density is 0.2
6.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternative examined		: Yes. Required forestland is barest minimum and unavoidable.
7.	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof		: No.

8.	a.	Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not	:	No.
	b.	Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.	:	Nil.
	c.	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	:	Distance from the nearest boundary of protected area i.e. 7.2 KM from Matheran Eco-Sensitive Zone and 7.0 KM from Matheran Eco-Sensitive Buffer Zone. And 17.3 KM. from Karnala Bird Sanctuary and 8.2 KM from Eco-Sensitive Zone of Karnala Bird Sanctuary.
	d.	Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.	:	There is no adverse effect on the wildlife and birds in the sanctuary or Eco-Sensitive Zone.
	e.	Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If, yes, reason therefore	:	No.
9.		Details of vegetation		
	a.	Total number of trees to be felled:	:	232
	b.	Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm:	:	99
	c.	Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm:	:	133
	d.	Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	:	Nil.
10.		Background note on the proposal (short summary)	:	Project summary attached on Page No.
11.		Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached	:	No violation notice.
12.		Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	:	No.

13.	Details on catchments and cultivable command area under the project (if applicable)	:	Nil
	Status of catchments area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable)	:	Nil
14.	Utility of the Project	:	This project is proposal for Establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Railway line and required minimum area of forest area. This project is infrastructure project and public utility project.
15.	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural / religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion	:	No.
16.	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	:	No.
17.	Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	:	Photographs enclosed on Page No.
18.	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	:	This project is for proposal for Establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Railway line, which require less than 1.00 ha. Of forest land. This project is infrastructure project and public utility project. Project proponent is ready to bear all the Government levies hence the proposal is being recommended for approval for diverting the required forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Date : 8 / 06 / 2022.
Place: Alibag

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Site Inspection Note

The under signed has inspected the proposed site on date 29/12/2021, which is for proposal for Establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Railway line. When the undersigned visited the site, the project proponent indicated the required land from village Pendhar S.No. 297, 88, Nala (Not-notified Mangrove land) and village Taloja Tarfe Panchannd S.No. 244, 245, 246, 247, 320 (Not-notified Mangrove land) Tal. Panvel in Raigad District. The total mangrove forest area required for this project is 0.6732 ha.

No work has been started, hence violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has not seen. From the site inspection it appears that prima facia there was no soil disturbance and only 232 trees are required to be cut on forest land diversion for Establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Railway line.

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PROJECT NOTE

The Project Authority Executive Engineer (BPT & HQ), CIDCO, Kharghar Station Complex, Kharghar Navi Mumbai has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.6732 Ha. Mangrove area for Establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Railway line at village Pendhar & Taloja Tarfe Panchannd, Taluka Panvel of District Raigad in Maharashtra State.

The required mangrove forest area is barest minimum for Establishment of a connectivity link from Kharghar to Taloja at Pendhar involving construction of Bridge on Taloja River and Construction of ROB on Diva-Panvel Railway line. The required land from village Pendhar S.No. 297, 88, Nala (Not-notified Mangrove land) and village Taloja Tarfe Panchannd S.No. 244, 245, 246, 247, 320 (Not-notified Mangrove land) Tal. Panvel in Raigad District

The user agency has not started any work on proposed forest land.

This proposal is for approach road and bridge. This project involves less than 1.00 ha. forest land, therefore the compensatory non-forest land is not required. Hence, compensatory afforestation is proposed on 1.00 ha. degraded forest land. The degraded forest land identified for compensatory afforestation from Reserved Forest (U/s 4 of Indian Forest Act 1927) S.No. 85 of village Turbhe, Taluka Panvel, Dist. Raigad. The project authority is willing to bear the cost of compensatory afforestation and all Government levies as required by the Government.

Therefore, this proposal has been recommended for diversion of 0.6732 ha. forest land for non-forest purposes.

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